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Title : NETWORK-CONNECTABLE PRINTER, CONTROLLER THEREFOR,
AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THIS CONTROLLER

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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003, please amend Figures 5 and 8 as shown in the enclosed replacement sheets. Figure 5 has been amended to show that (i) step 503 involves making the priority of the communication task greater than the priority of the language task and (ii) step 504 involves making the priority of the language task greater than the priority of the communication task. Figure 8 has been amended to show that (i) step 808 involves making the occupancy time of the communication task greater than the occupancy time of the language task and (ii) step 809 involves making the occupancy time of the language task greater than the occupancy time of the communication task.

Further, Applicant submits that the drawings shown in the enclosed replacement sheets are formal. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 04783.008001).

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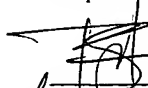
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